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FOLLOWING INFORMATION PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO SUB-
PARAGRAPHS OF PARA 1 STATE 251108.

A. CRUDE OIL PRODUCTION:

1972-3, 965,000 METRIC TONS (7.760 BARRELS PER METRIC
TON FOR TUNISIA'S 40 DEGREE API CRUDE)

1973 (2ST 7 MONTHS) - 2,293,500 TONS. PRODUCTION IN
JANUARY IS ABOUT 80,000 BPD BUT WILL INCREASE AS
ASHTART OFFSHORE FIELD WHICH WAS INAUGURATED IN
DECEMBER 1973 INCREASES OUTPUT.

B. EXPORTS: CRUDE OIL EXPORTS WERE 3,699,000 TONS IN
1972 AND 2,819,000 TONS IN FIRST 10 MONTHS OF 1973.
DESTINATION AVAILABLE ONLY FOR 1972 AS FOLLOWS IN
1000 METRIC TONS:

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GHANA - 23

U.S.A. 98

WEST GERMANY - 934

BENELUX - 8

SPAIN - 73

FRANCE - 622

GREECE - 33

ITALY - 1,728

U.K. - 49

SWITZERLAND - 131

ONLY REFINED PRODUCTS EXPORTED IN 1972 WERE ABOUT 50,000
TONS OF IMPOR
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O FUEL FOR AIRLINES SERVING TUNISIA
AND 46,200 TONS OF LOCALLY-REFINED RESIDUAL FUEL OIL
OF WHICH 42,600 TONS WENT TO U.S. ;NO FIGURE FOR 1973
BUT WE UNDERSTAND EXPORTS OF RESIDUAL FUEL OIL HAVE
STOPPED.

C. IMPORTS: CRUDE OIL IMPORTS WERE 758,799 METRIC
TONS IN 1972 BUT MEANINGFUL DATA FOR 1973 NOT AVAILABLE.
MAJOR SUPPLIERS FOR 1972 AS FOLLOWS IN 1000 TONS:

ALGERIA - 21

SAUDI ARABIA - 474

IRAQ - 32

IRAN - 201
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IMPORTS OF MAJOR PRODUCTS IN 1972 IN 1000 TONS (NO
FIGURES FOR 1973):

COUNTRY OF ORIGIN	JET FUEL/ KEROSENE	GASOIL FUEL OIL	HEAVY
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SPAIN	2		
FRANCE	1		61
ITALY	29	33	77
HOLLAND	1		
U.K.	6	7	
BELGIUM/LUXEMBOURG			5
USSR		33	20
EGYPT			22
GREECE			14
TOTALS	39	78	194

IN ADDITION 7500 METRIC TONS OF BOTTLED LPG WERE IMPORTED IN 1972.

D. REFINERY DATA: REFINERY INPUT IN 1972 WAS 942,000 METRIC TONS OF WHICH 759,000 IMPORTED (ITTM B ABOVE) AND REST SUPPLIED FROM STOCKS OR LOCAL CRUDE PRODUCTION. INPUT FOR FIRST 7 MONTHS OF 1973 WAS 606,000 TONS. REFINERY OUTPUT, ALMOST ALL CONSUMED LOCALLY, EXCEPT FOR SOME RESIDUAL FUEL OIL IN 1972, AS FOLLOWS IN 1000 TONS:

PRODUCT	1972	1973 (7 MONTHS)
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REGULAR GASOLINE	55	37
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GASOLINE	37	29
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KEROSENE	62	49
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GAS AND DIESEL OIL	329	155
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RESIDUAL FUEL OIL	449	238
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LPG (BUT/PROP)	18	13 (10 MONTHS)
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E. LOCAL GOT AND COMPANY OFFICIALS RELUCTANT PROVIDE DATA ON PRESENT STOCK SITUATION BECAUSE OF DIFFICULTY ARRIVE AT MEANINGFUL FIGURES DUE TO WIDE PERIODIC

VARIATIONS AND BECAUSE OF SENSITIVITY THIS DATA DURING
PRESENT SHORTAGE SITUATION. ONLY REFINRY (STIR) IN
BIZERTE REPORTED STOCKS OF CRUDE AND PRODUCT VARIED
BETWEEN 30,000 AND 80,000 TONS IN 1973 WITH MAXIMUM STORAGE
CAPACITY OF ABOUT 100,000 TONS. STORAGE CAPACITY AT
SKHIRA CRUDE OIL TERMINAL SERVING BOTH TUNISIAN AND
ALGERIAN TIQUENTOURINE FIELDS ABOUT 330,000 TONS. OIL
COMPANY REPORTS TERMINAL WAS RELATIVELY EMPTY THROUGH
EARLY JANUARY BECAUSE OF CUTBACK IN ALGERIAN THROUGHPUT,
BUT IS NOW REPORTEDLY NEAR CAPACITY BECAUSE GOT HAS NOT
AUTHORIZED NEW CRUDE SALES FOR 1974 AND TUNISIAN CRUDE
HAS NOT BEEN SHIPPED. THUS WHEN STORAGE FACILITIES FULL, INCON-
GRUOUSLY GIVEN TUNISIA'S NEEDS, LOCAL PRODUCTION MAY HAVE
TO BE CUT BACK.
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